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ACTION: THE WHITE HOUSE 0083

EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR MG A. M. HAIG, JR. FROM BUNKER

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1. President's Message to Thieu: I have conveyed the President's message to President Thieu who expressed his appreciation and great pleasure in receiving it. The message came at an opportune moment. Thieu was obviously encouraged by being made aware once again of the President's strong support.
2. Paris Meeting. I informed Thieu of substance of refel regarding Paris meeting May 2, mentioning that it was the least productive on record. I enumerated the matters the other side refused to discuss and said that in view of the outcome, that while we are obligated to attend plenary session tomorrow, Ambassador Porter will almost certainly refuse to attend plenary session after the meeting Thursday.
3. Thieu expressed appreciation for the information, said the other side's attitude was not surprising, and I am certain will follow our views about attendance or non-attendance of the plenary sessions.
4. Warm regards.

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